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Dear Sir

FOURTH GENERAL REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

I refer to your request for details of proposals by the Boundary Commission for Scotland under the current review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries.

The Commission has now published its provisional recommendations for Highland and Grampian Regions. I enclose one copy each of the statutory public notice and news release for your perusal.

Yours faithfully

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PROPOSALS FOR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN HIGHLAND REGION

The Boundary Commission for Scotland has provisionally decided to recommend that Highland Region should continue to be divided into 3 county constituencies.

The publication of this recommendation is the fifth of the fourth general review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries announced by the Boundary Commission for Scotland on 16 February 1992. The names, designations and 1992 electorates of the 3 constituencies are:

Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	50,741
Wester Ross, Skye and Lochaber	49,558
Inverness, Nairn and Badenoch	57,150

PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The electorate of Highland Region is 157,449. The electoral quota for Scotland is 54,569 giving an entitlement for the area of 3 seats. The Commission is aware of the special conditions of the Highlands, where there is such sparsity of population over most of the region and where half of the total electorate is concentrated in a small area bordering the Moray and Cromarty Firths.

The Commission's recommendations have been prepared with a view to achieving a greater electoral parity given the widening disparity which has occurred since the last review.

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The contrast with the present arrangement of constituencies is that the Commission is proposing that the district of Lochaber should be transferred from Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber constituency, which is currently large in territorial and electorate terms, to Ross, Cromarty and Skye constituency . In turn part of Easter Ross should transfer to Caithness and Sutherland constituency, which has a small electorate.

The Commission wishes to stress that this provisional recommendation relates solely to Parliamentary constituencies and does not affect the structure or arrangements of local government in Highland Region or the services they provide.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

Rules for Redistribution

The Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 contains the rules for redistribution of seats which have the following general effect. The electorates of constituencies are to be as nearly equal as possible, but in formulating its proposals the Commission shall have regard to local authority boundaries. The Commission may, however, decide to overlook a local authority boundary if it considers that other aspects of the rules which take precedence require this to happen. In addition, the Commission can depart from these rules if special geographical considerations make this desirable, or if changes cause inconveniences or break local ties. It is for the Commission to decide on the interpretation of the rules in these respects.

The Act requires the Commission in considering the size of constituency electorates to work to the electoral quota throughout the period of the general review. The electoral quota is arrived at by dividing the electorate in Scotland on the enumeration date by the existing number of seats. The enumeration date is the date when the start of the general review was announced (16 February 1992). The electorate in Scotland on the enumeration date was 3,928,996 which, when divided by the existing number of seats (72), produces an electoral quota of 54,569.

In formulating proposals the Commission relies on the new electoral divisions as announced by the Secretary of State following the reviews of local electoral arrangements by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland. Proposals for Parliamentary constituencies will comprise groups of whole electoral divisions.

REPRESENTATIONS

The Commission is required to consider representations about its provisional recommendations made within one month of local publication. These representations should be addressed to the Secretary, Boundary Commission for Scotland, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DG. In this case the representation period ends on 20 June 1993.

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Where representations objecting to the provisional recommendations are made by an interested local authority or a body of 100 or more electors, the Commission cannot proceed with its final recommendations to the Secretary of State for Scotland until a local inquiry has been held. If after the inquiry the Commission decides to alter its recommendations, the revised recommendations must also be published, but a further local inquiry is not obligatory.

Those who make representations are requested to state whether they approve of, or object to, the Commission's proposals and to give their reasons for their approval or objections. In particular, objectors are advised to say what they propose in place of the Commission's recommendations and should note that an objection accompanied by a counter-proposal is likely to carry more weight than a simple statement of objection.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission must submit its report on the general review for the whole of Scotland by 31 December 1994. It is the Secretary of State for Scotland's duty to lay the Commission's report before Parliament together with a draft Order in Council giving effect to the recommendations with or without modifications. The draft Order is submitted to both Houses of Parliament for approval and, after this is made, the new constituencies take effect at the next general election.

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BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND

General Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries

Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Boundary Commission for Scotland has provisionally determined to recommend to the Secretary of State for Scotland in terms of Section 5 of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 that Grampian Region shall be divided into three burgh constituencies and four county constituencies and that their names and contents are to be as shown in columns 1 and 2 below:

Name of Constituency (1)		Contents of Constituency (2)	1992 Parliamentary Electorate (3)
Burgh Constituencies			
Aberdeen Central Burgh Constituency	(i)	The following regional electoral divisions in the City of Aberdeen District numbered 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43	57,311
Aberdeen North Burgh Constituency	(i)	The following regional electoral divisions in the City of Aberdeen District numbered 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 34, 35	59,560
Aberdeen South Burgh Constituency	(i)	The following regional electoral divisions in the City of Aberdeen District numbered 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51	53,307
County Constituencies			
Banff and Buchan County Constituency	(i)	The following regional electoral divisions in the District of Banff and Buchan numbered 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	58,015
Gordon County Constituency	(i)	The following regional electoral division in the District of Moray numbered 8	

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	(ii)	The following regional electoral division in the District of Banff and Buchan numbered 12	
	(iii)	The following regional electoral divisions in the District of Gordon numbered 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26	56,716
Deeside and the Howes County Constituency	(i)	The following regional electoral divisions in the District of Gordon numbered 20, 21	
	(ii)	The following regional electoral divisions in the District of Kincardine and Deeside numbered 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57	55,093
Moray County Constituency	(i)	The following regional electoral divisions in the District of Moray numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9	57,743

FOOTNOTE

(i) The regional electoral divisions referred to in column (2) are as constituted by the Grampian Region (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1993.

(ii) The 1992 electoral quota, which is being used in the present general review is 54,569.

(iii) A copy of this notice, maps illustrating the recommendations set out above and a copy of an explanatory memorandum can be inspected at the following Regional/District Council Headquarters:-

Grampian Regional Council, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen
City of Aberdeen District Council, Town House, Aberdeen
Banff and Buchan District Council, St Leonard's, Sandyhill Road, Banff
Gordon District Council, Blackhall Road, Inverurie
Kincardine and Deeside District Council, Viewmount, Arduthie Road, Stonehaven
Moray District Council, High Street, Elgin

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and also at the following District Council Sub-Offices:

School Road, Alford
Schoolhill Road, Ellon
25 Gordon Street, Huntly
St Nicholas House, Broad Street, Aberdeen
Central Library, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen
Bucksburn Library, Bucksburn, Aberdeen
Cults Library, North Deeside Road, Aberdeen
Kincorth Library, Provost Watt Drive, Aberdeen
Arbuthnot House, Broad Street, Peterhead
Town House, Saltoun Square, Fraserburgh
Municipal Chambers, High Street, Turriff
Bellwood, Aboyne
Old Station Buildings, Ballater
The Square, Banchory
Church Street, Inverbervie
Johnston Street, Laurencekirk
Cookston Road, Portlethen
The Tolbooth, High Street, Forres
Town Hall, High Street, Lossiemouth
24 East Church Street, Buckie
The Institute, 140 Mid Street, Keith
26 Balvennie Street, Dufftown

REPRESENTATIONS with regard to this provisional recommendation may be made to the Commission within one month of the date of publication of this notice and should be addressed to the Secretary, Boundary Commission for Scotland, Room 226, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DG.

Dated this 27th day of May 1993

By Order of the

BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND

D K C JEFFREY
Secretary

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The Boundary Commission for Scotland has provisionally decided to recommend that Grampian Region should be divided into three burgh constituencies and four county constituencies.

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Aberdeen Central Burgh Constituency	57,311
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PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission acknowledges that the increase which has occurred in recent years in the electorate in the Grampian area, relative to the electoral quota for Scotland, entitles the area to an extra seat and recommends that 3 burgh constituencies be allocated to Aberdeen District and 4 county constituencies to the rural districts of Banff and Buchan, Gordon, Kincardine and Deeside and Moray.

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The Commission also recommends that the name of the altered Kincardine and Deeside county constituency should be changed to Deeside and the Howes county constituency.

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REPRESENTATIONS

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BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND

General Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries

Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Boundary Commission for Scotland has provisionally determined to recommend to the Secretary of State for Scotland in terms of Section 5 of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 that Highland Region shall be divided into three county constituencies and that their names and contents are to be as shown in columns 1 and 2 below:

Name of Constituency (1)		Contents of Constituency (2)	1992 Parliamentary Electorate (3)
County Constituencies			
Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	(i)	The District of Caithness	
	(ii)	The District of Sutherland	
	(iii)	The following regional electoral divisions in the District of Ross & Cromarty numbered: 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	50,741
Wester Ross, Skye and Lochaber	(i)	The following regional electoral divisions in the District of Ross & Cromarty numbered 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19	
	(ii)	The District of Skye & Lochalsh	
	(iii)	The District of Lochaber	
	(iv)	The following regional electoral divisions in Inverness District numbered 46, 47, 48	49,558

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Inverness, Nairn and Badenoch	(i)	The following regional electoral divisions in the District of Inverness numbered 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45	
	(ii)	The District of Badenoch & Strathspey	57,150
	(iii)	The District of Nairn	

FOOTNOTE

(i) The regional electoral divisions referred to in column (2) are as constituted by the Highland Region (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1993.

(ii) The 1992 electoral quota, which is being used in the present general review is 54,569.

(iii) A copy of this notice, a map illustrating the recommendations set out above and a copy of an explanatory memorandum can be inspected at the following Regional/District Council Headquarters:-

Regional Buildings, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness
Badenoch and Strathspey District Council Offices, Ruthven Road, Kingussie
Caithness District Council Offices, Market Square, Wick
Inverness District Council, Town House, Inverness
Lochaber District Council, High Street, Fort William
Nairn District Council, The Court House, High Street, Nairn
Ross and Cromarty Council Offices, High Street, Dingwall
Skye and Lochalsh District Council Offices, Park Lane, Portree
Sutherland District Council Offices, Golspie

and also at the following District Council Sub-Offices:

HRC Information Centre, 21/23 Church Street, Inverness
The Square, Grantown-on-Spey
District Council Office, Lochcarron
Seaforth Road, Muir of Ord
District Council Office, Poolewe
29 Market Square, Ullapool
Hamilton House, Kyle of Lochalsh
The Meadows, Dornoch
69 Lerin, Durness
Hillside, Portskerra, Melvich
9 Handa Terrace, Scourie

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REPRESENTATIONS with regard to this provisional recommendation may be made to the Commission within one month of the date of publication of this notice and should be addressed to the Secretary, Boundary Commission for Scotland, Room 226, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DG.

Dated this 20th day of May 1993

By Order of the

BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND

D K C JEFFREY
Secretary

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